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I.

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"ONLY four meagre and antiquated editions of the collected works of Penn have been printed, all of these in London, as follows: *First Edition,* 1726, 2 volumes, folio, the fullest edition [911, 916 pages]; *Second Edition,* 1771, 1 volume, folio, Select Works; [LXI+ 862 pages]; *Third Edition,* 1782, 5 volumes, 8vo, Select Works, a reprint [CLVII+ 331, 490, 514, 486, 472 pages]; *Fourth Edition,* 1825, 3 volumes, 8vo, Select Works, a reprint [603, 596, 619 pages].

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"His individual printed works . . . are listed for the most part in Joseph Smith, *A Descriptive Catalogue of Friends' Books* (London, 1867, 2 volumes) Vol. II, pp. 282-326, and *Supplement* (London, 1893) pp. 264-265. [*The Spiritual Bee,* 1667, is not by Penn.]

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